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WITH NO FUTURE.

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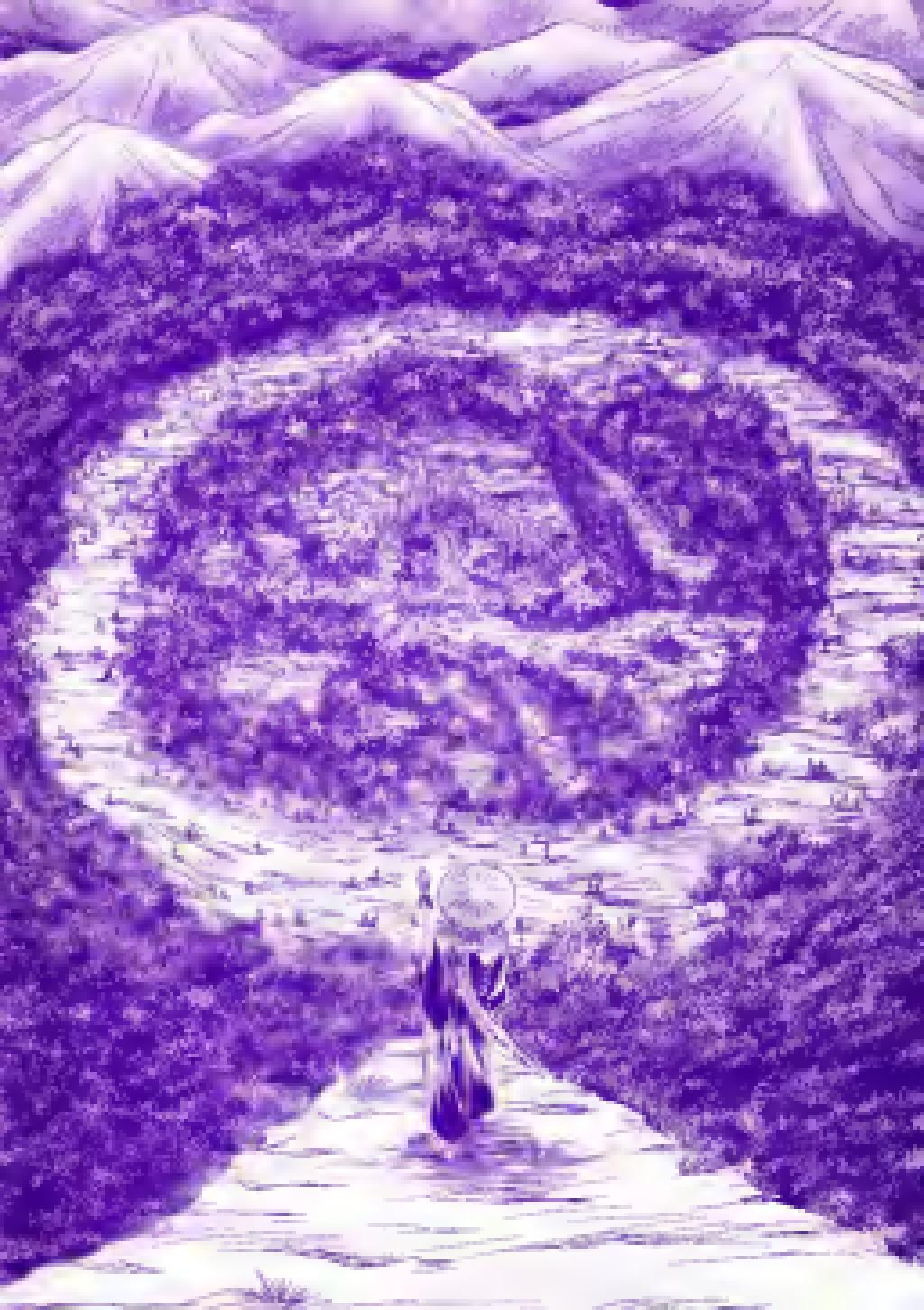
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BANDITS!

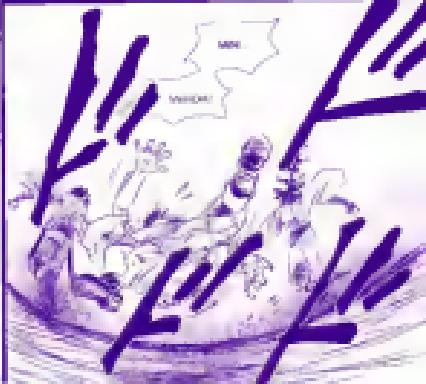
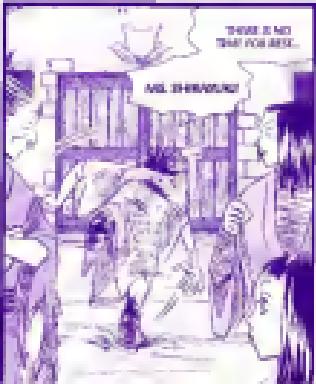


THIEVES IN THE
NORTHWEST END
OF THE FOREST!



THE BANDITS
ARE ALMOST HERE!





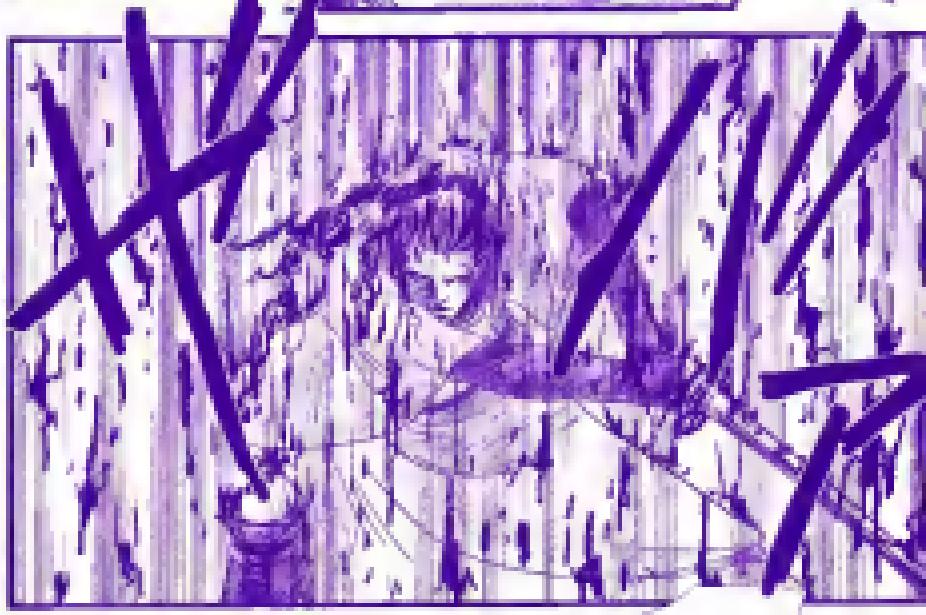




THAT ONE'S SITTING ON HIS FAT ASS!





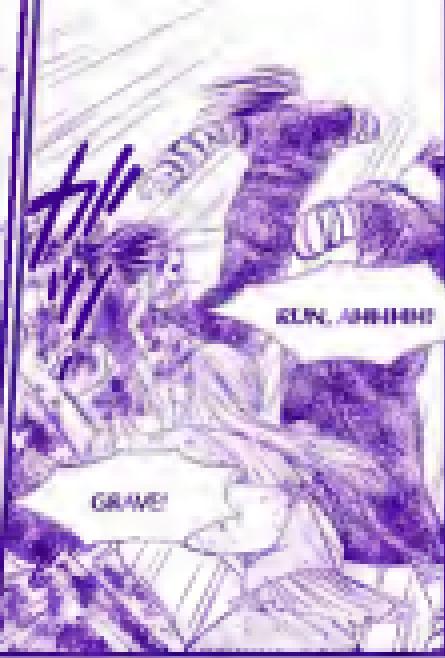














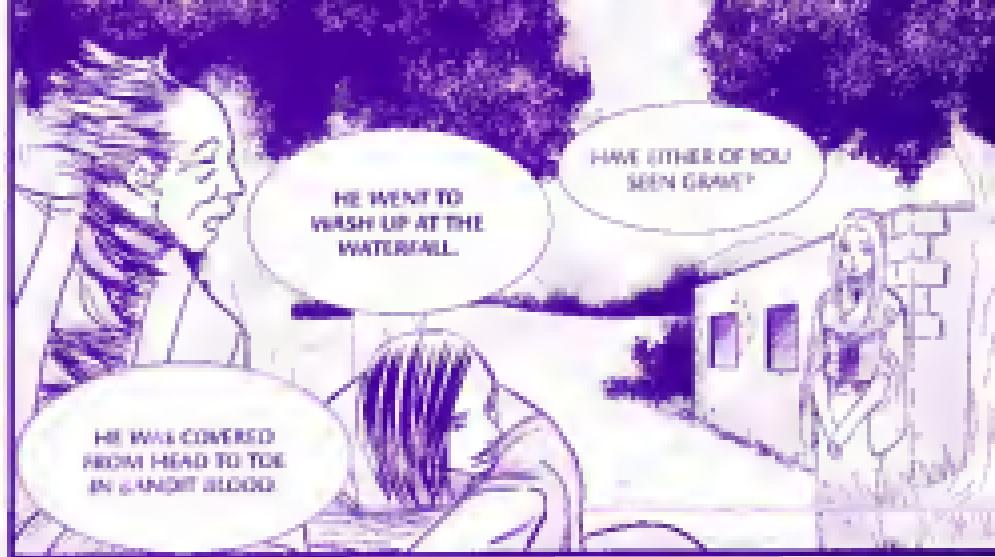


WILL THAT DAY-

-EVER COME?







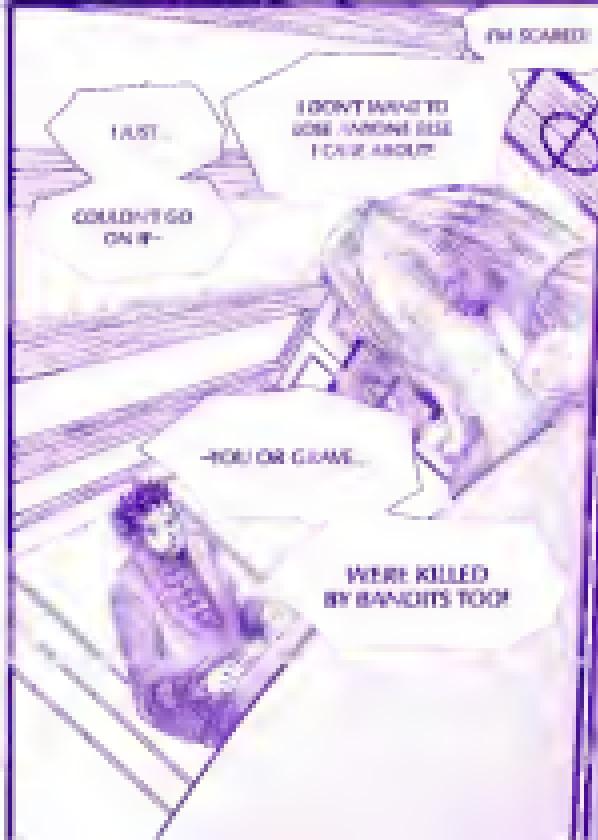




















WHEN HAVE
WE EVER TRIED?







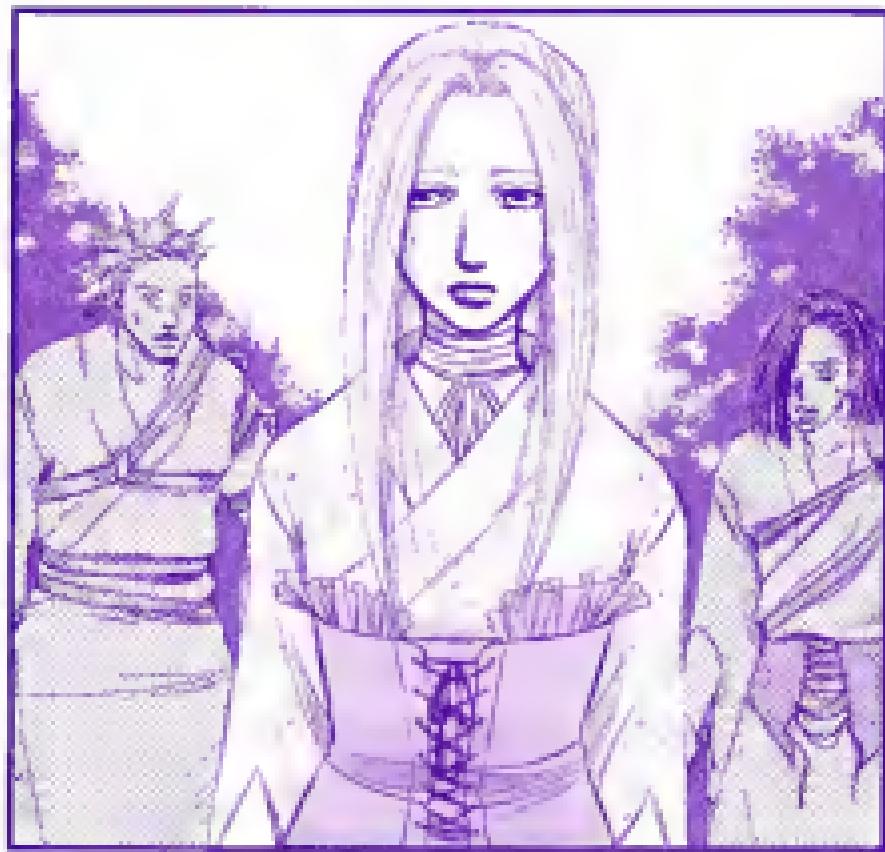






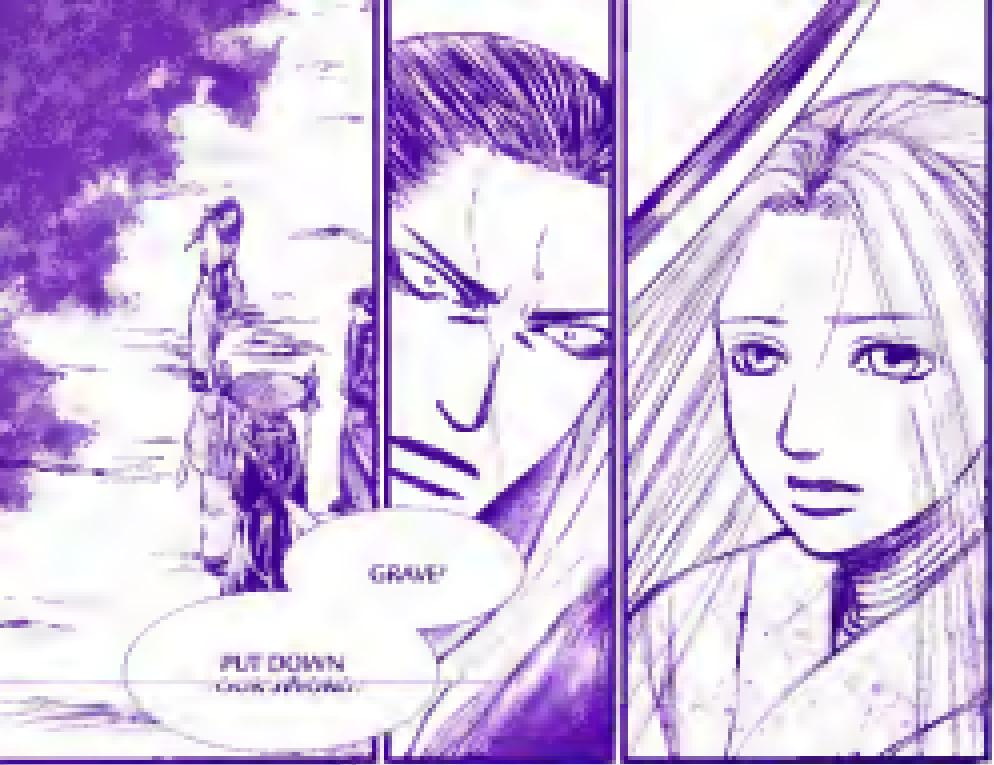












HONORABLE PRIEST,
IN MARY-SEA,
WHERE ARE YOU
HEADED?



I'VE HAD
NO FOOD OR
DRINK IN
THREE DAYS



FOR A MONK
YOU TURN CAN
EAT A LOT.

AS PART OF
MY TRAINING, I
AM WANDERING THE
AREA ON FOOT.



OH! PLEASE
EXCUSE MY RUDENESS.
I HAVE INTRODUCED
MYSELF.

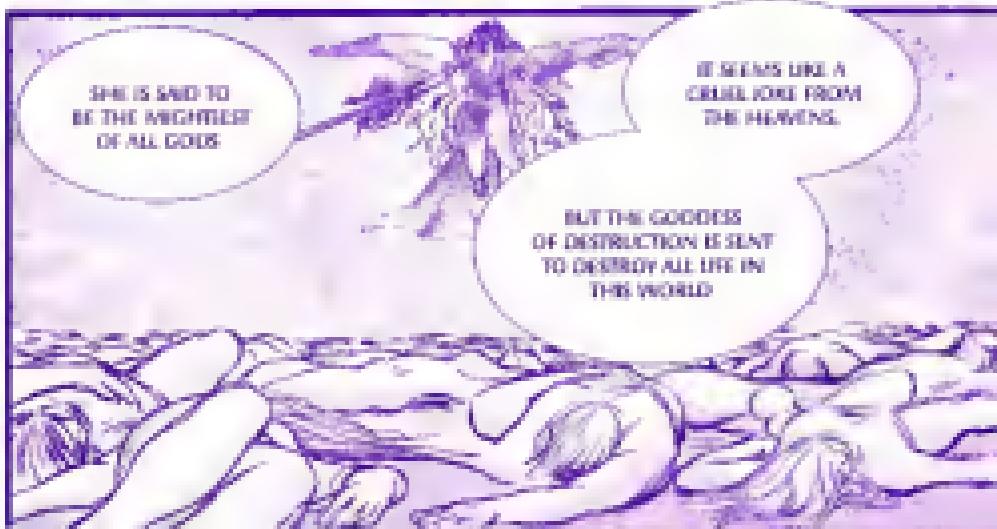
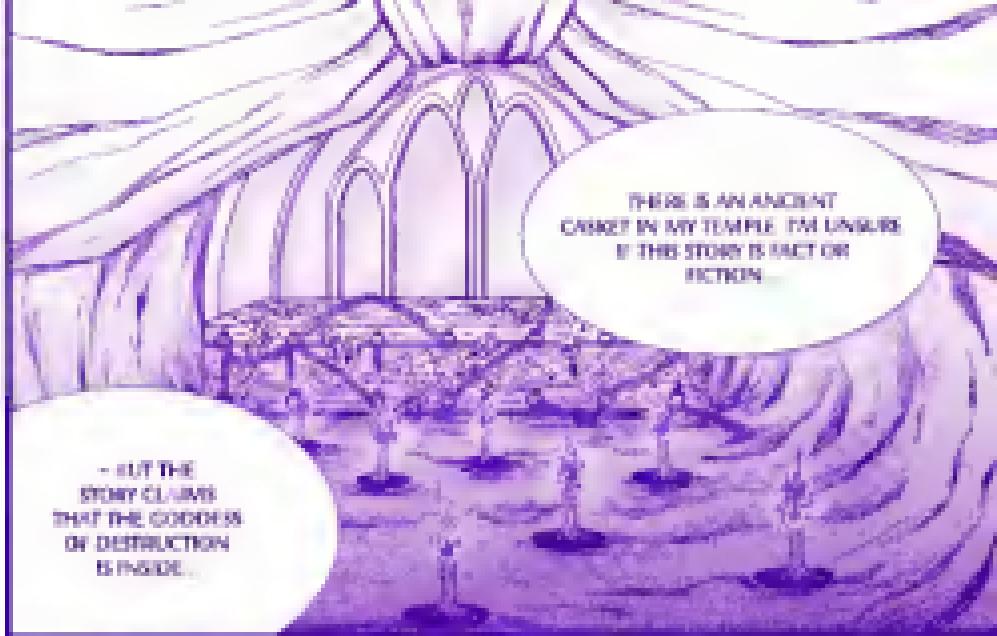
I AM A MONK
FROM A POOR TEMPLE,
ABOUT 1200 KM WEST
OF HERE.

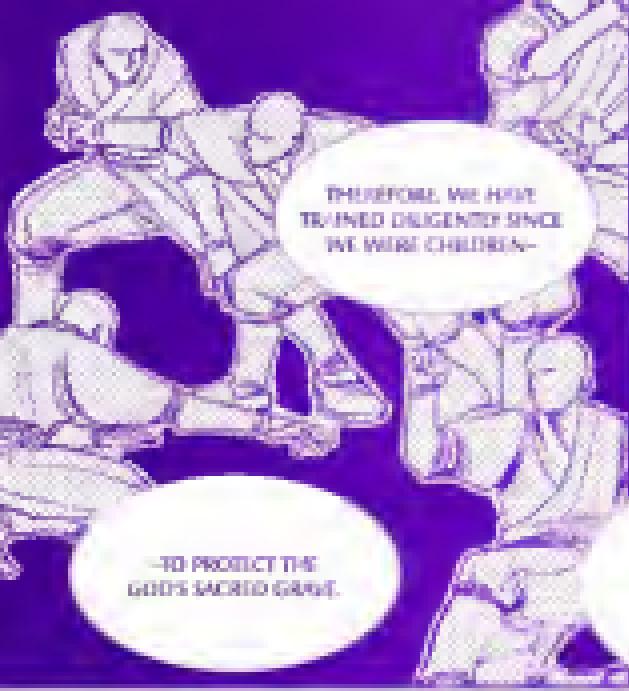
FORGIVE ME,
MONK.

DO YOU REALLY
THINK WE'RE THAT
GULLIBLE?







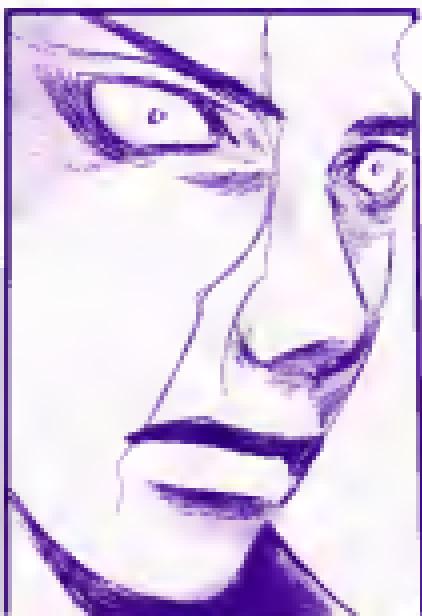






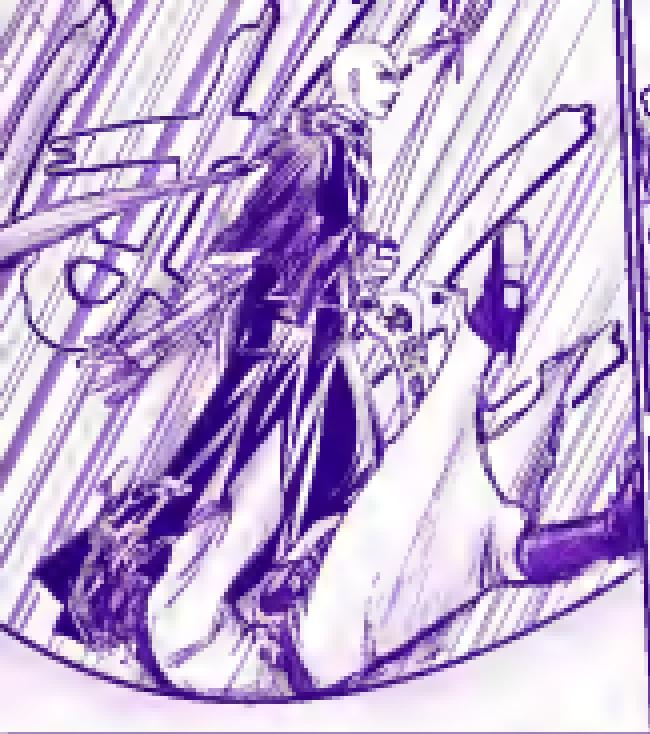


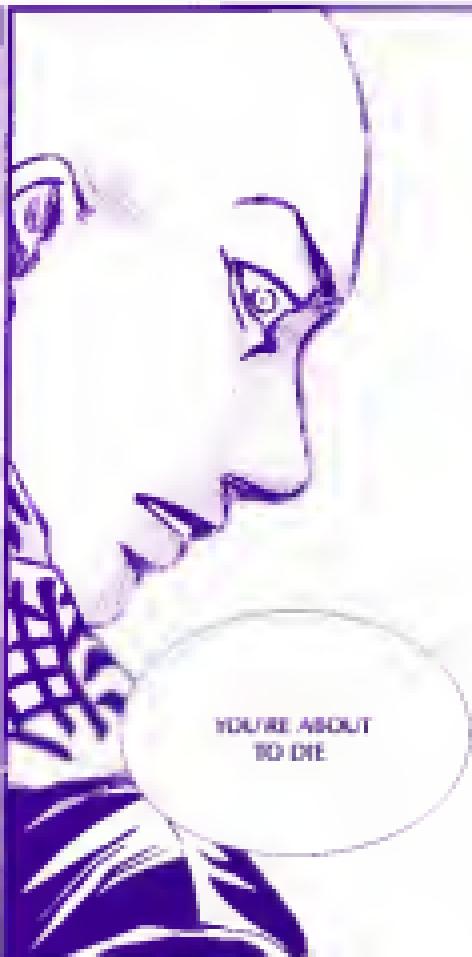


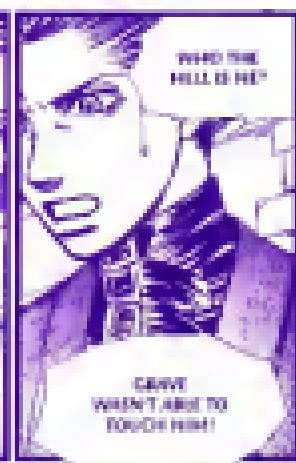














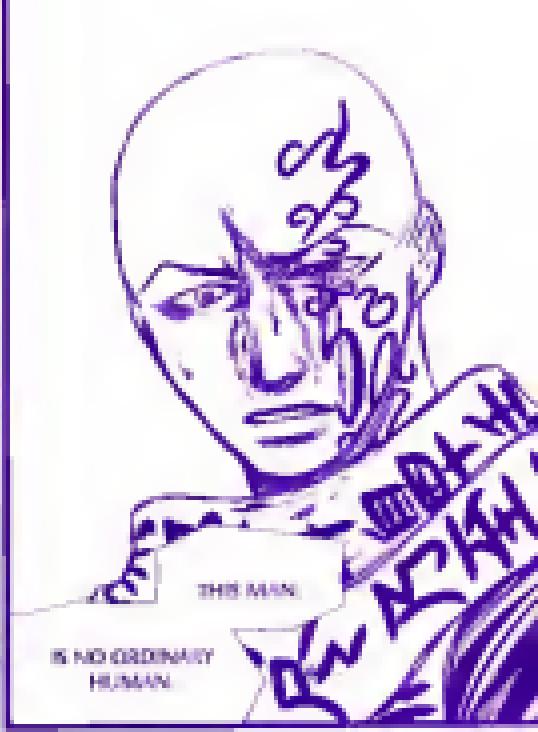




























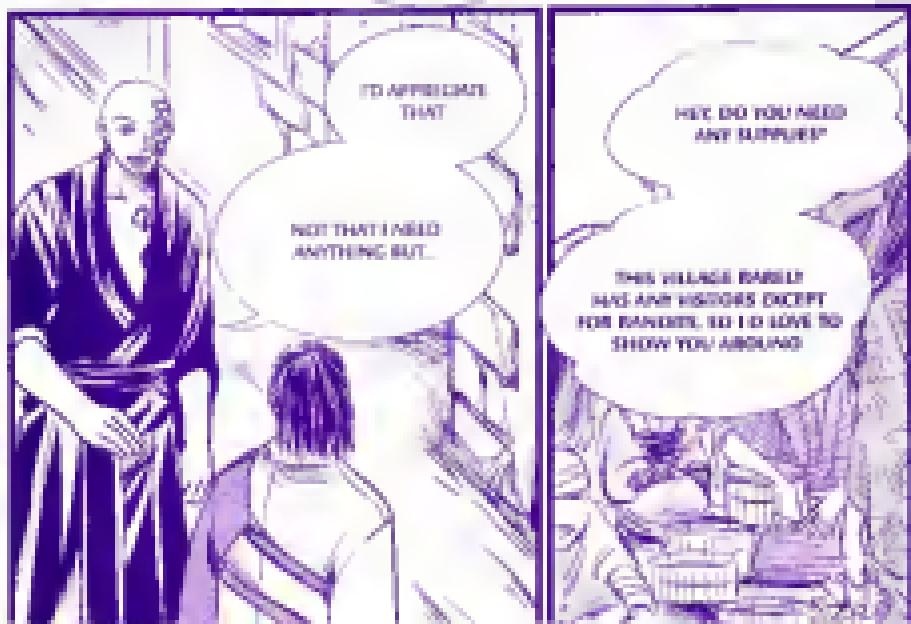


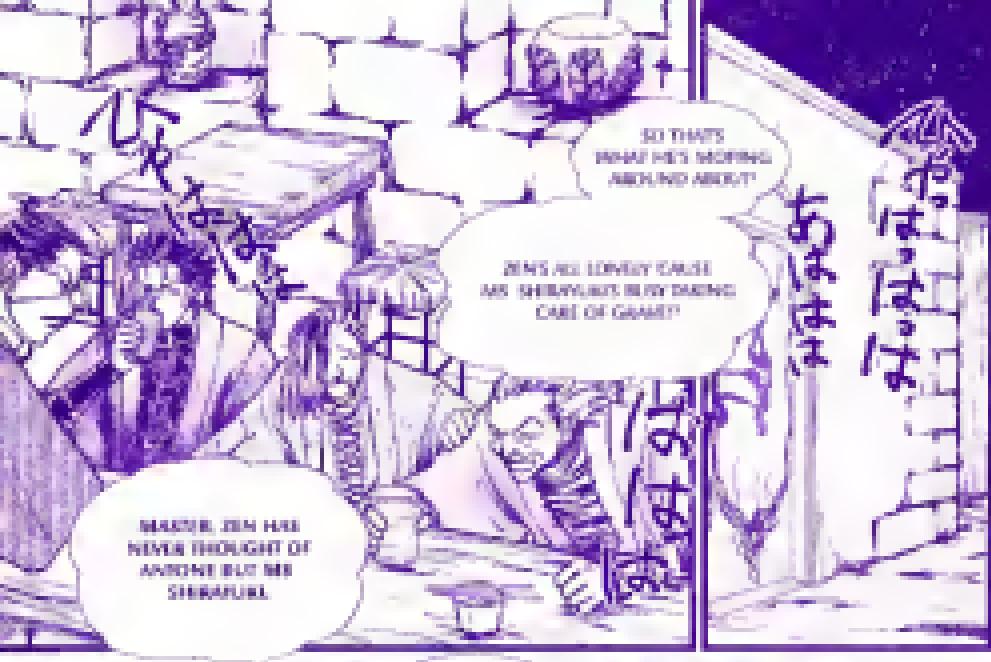


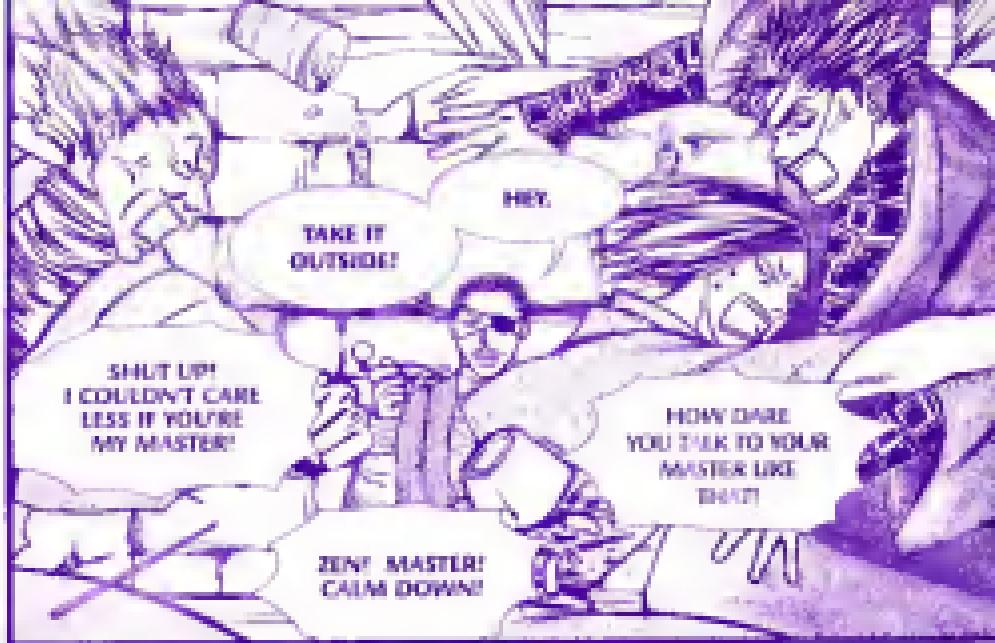
NOTHING EVER STAYS THE SAME.
I DON'T THINK I CAN PROTECT HER.

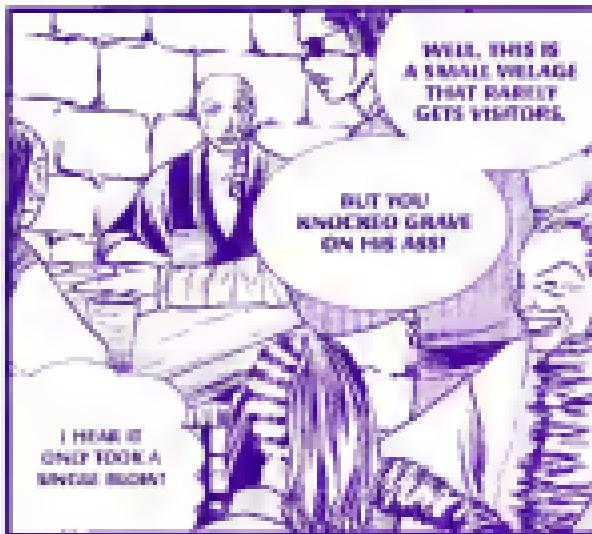
SHE'LL NEVER KNOW HOW I FEEL.



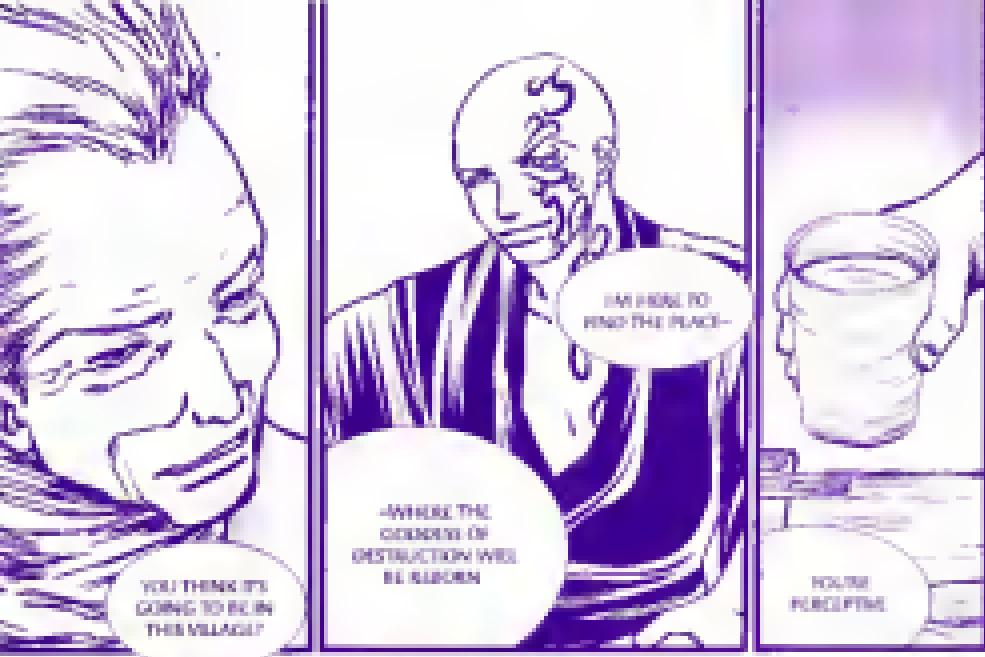


















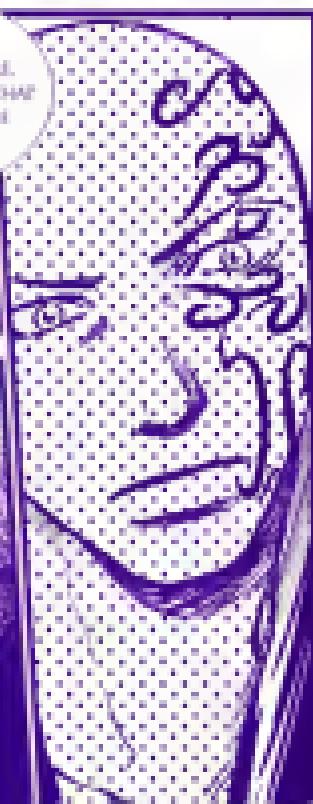
A CHICKEN SHIT
LIKE YOU DOESN'T HAVE
THE RIGHT TO PROTECT
THIS VILLAGE!



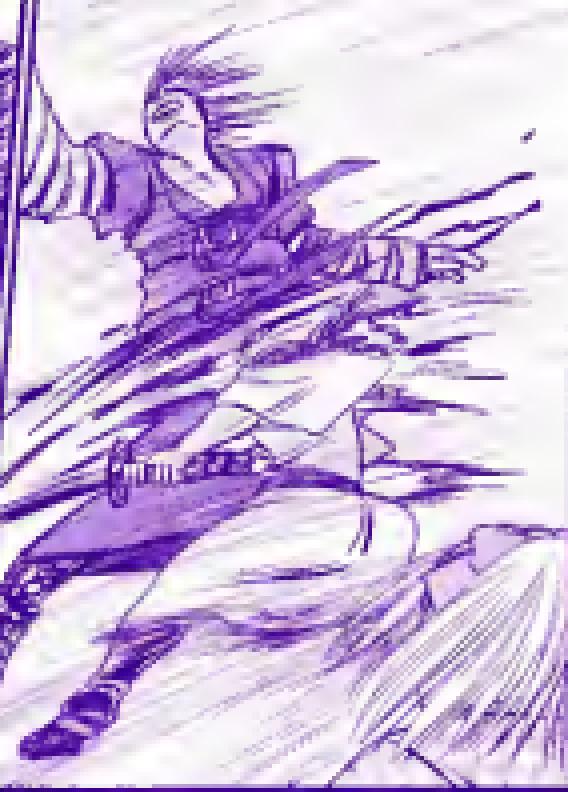














-COULD I BEG YOU
FOR A FAVOR?

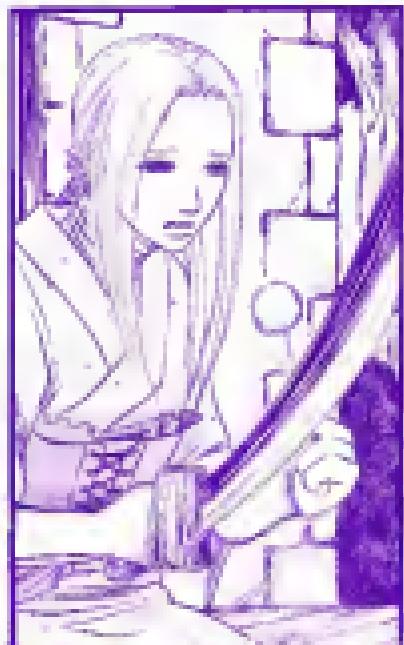
HONORABLE PRIEST



NO SHIBAYU

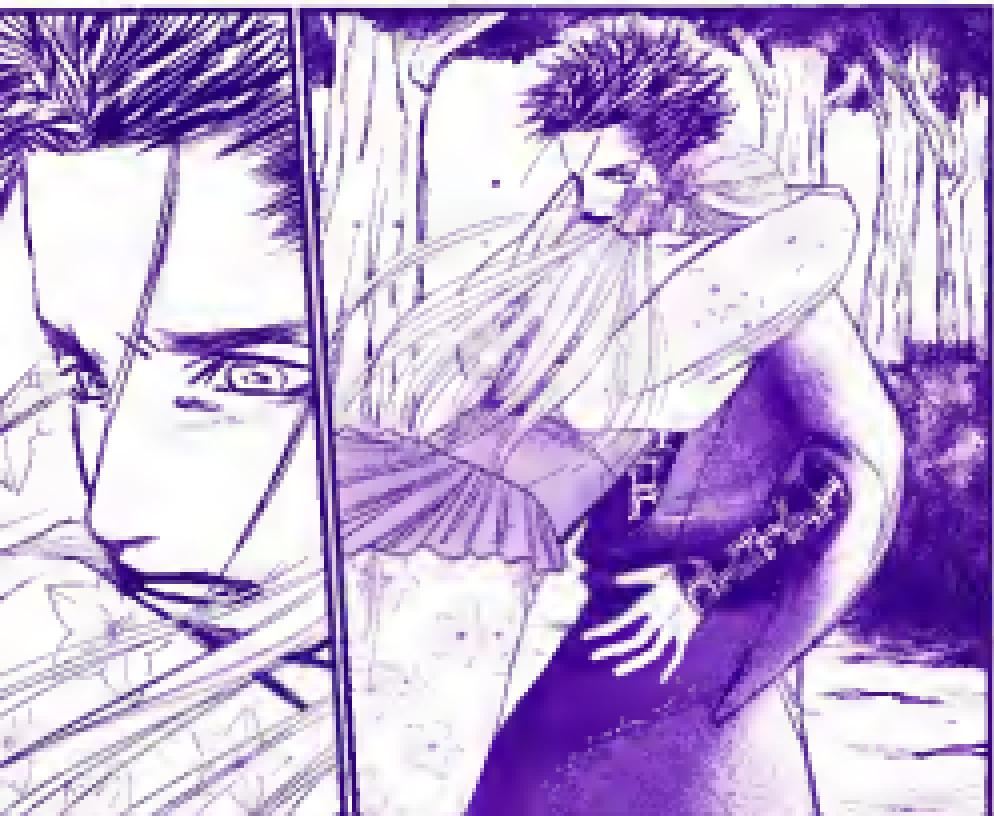
IT SHALL BE DONE.

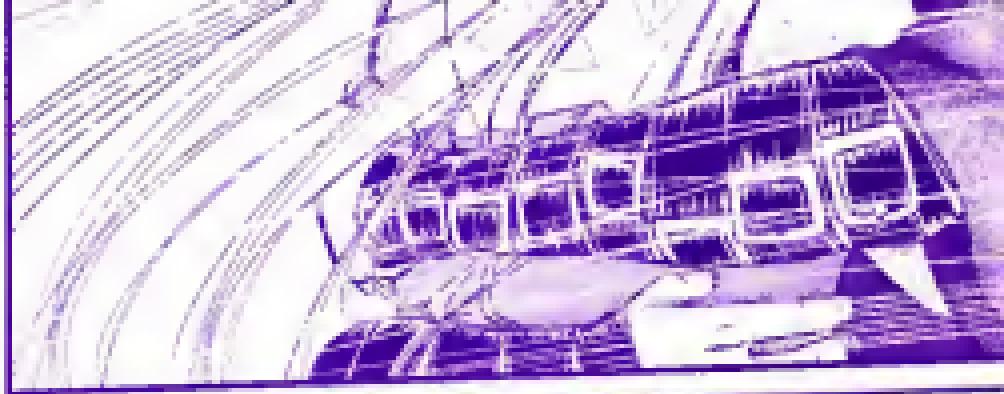














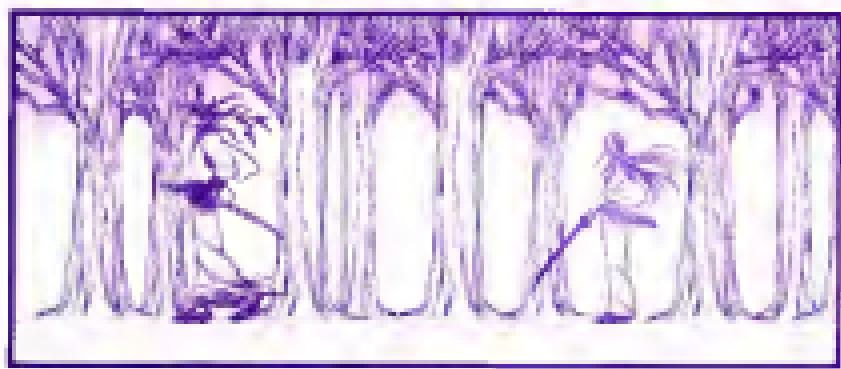
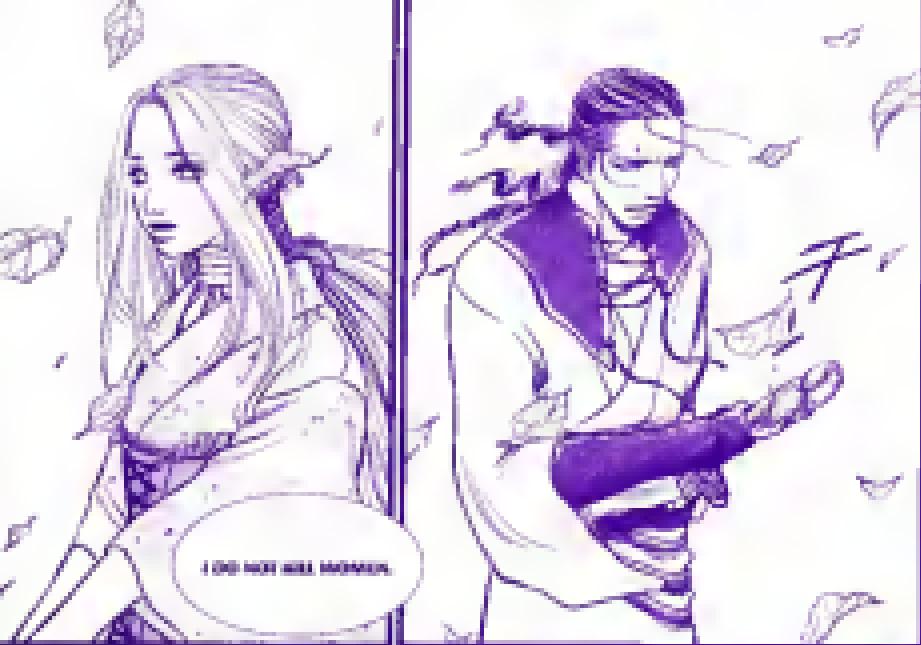














I JUST
WANTED TO
DREAM







THINK OF ME
AS A WARRIOR...



...NOT A WOMAN



...NOT A WOMAN

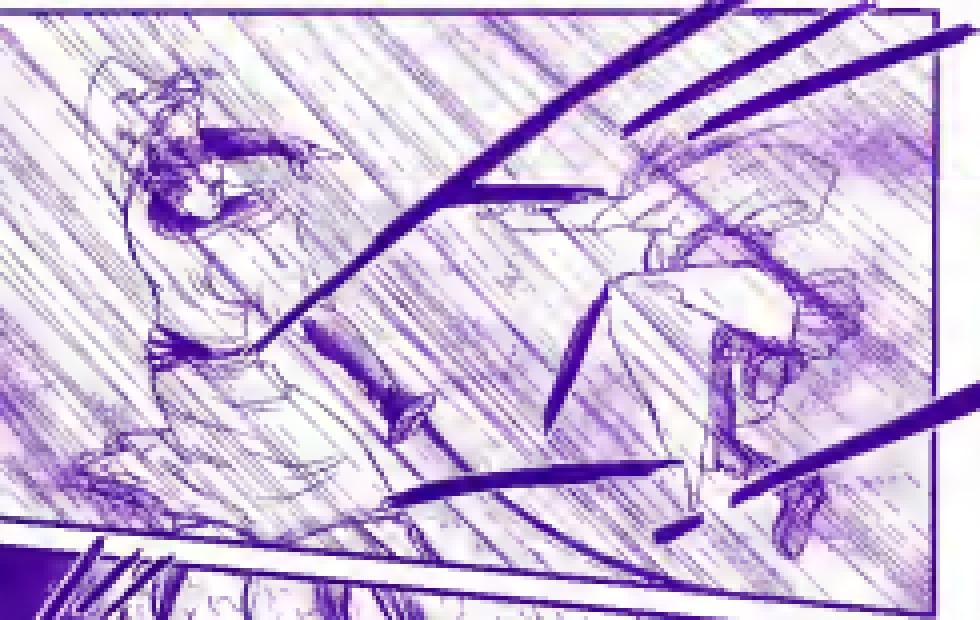


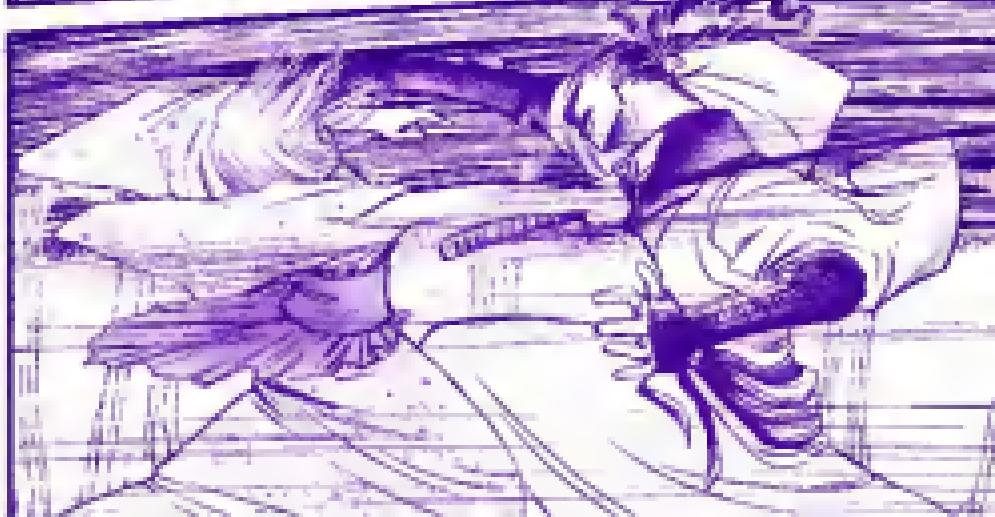
I CHALLENGE YOU

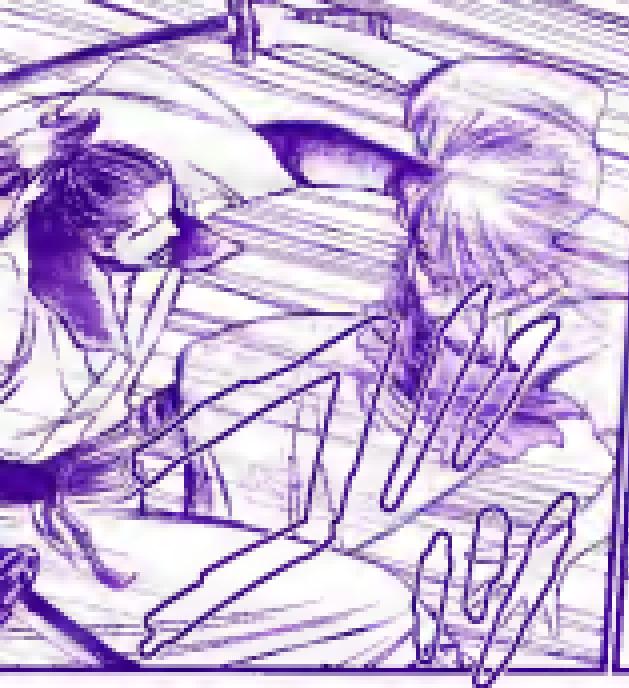






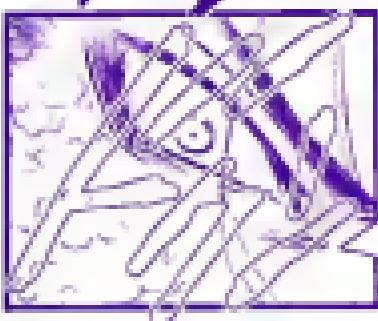


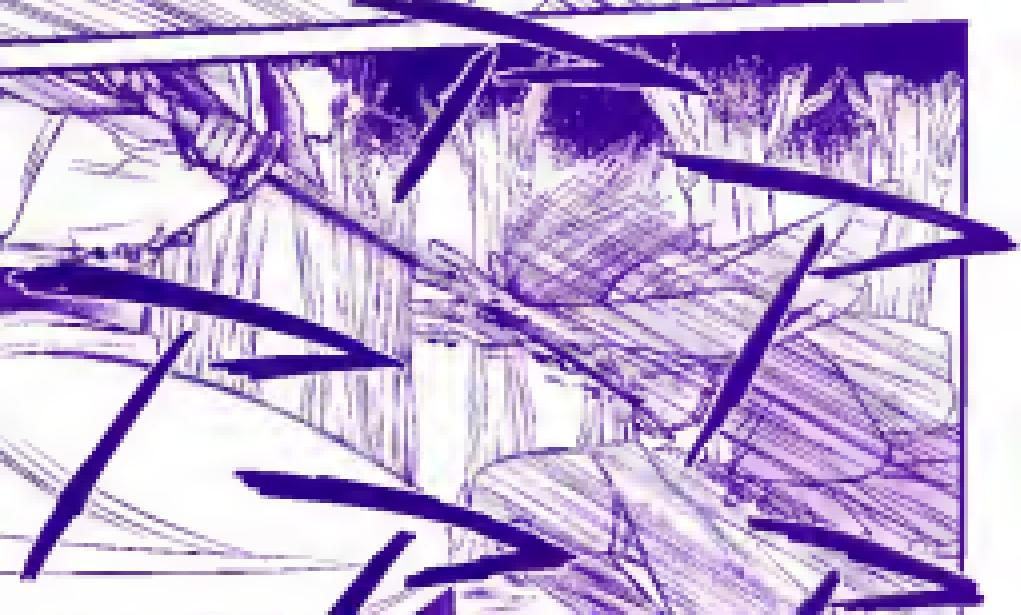
















SHE...

MS. SHIBUYU!

MS. SHIBUYU,

EVERYONE HAS
ASSEMBLED AT
THE CLUB.

WHAT HAPPENED
TO YOUR FACE?

YOUR FACE IS
BLOODY...

THANK YOU

I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.





YOU CANNOT PROTECT-

—A PERSON
MUCH LESS A
VILLAGE—



WITH AN
EMPTY SWORD
LINE THAT







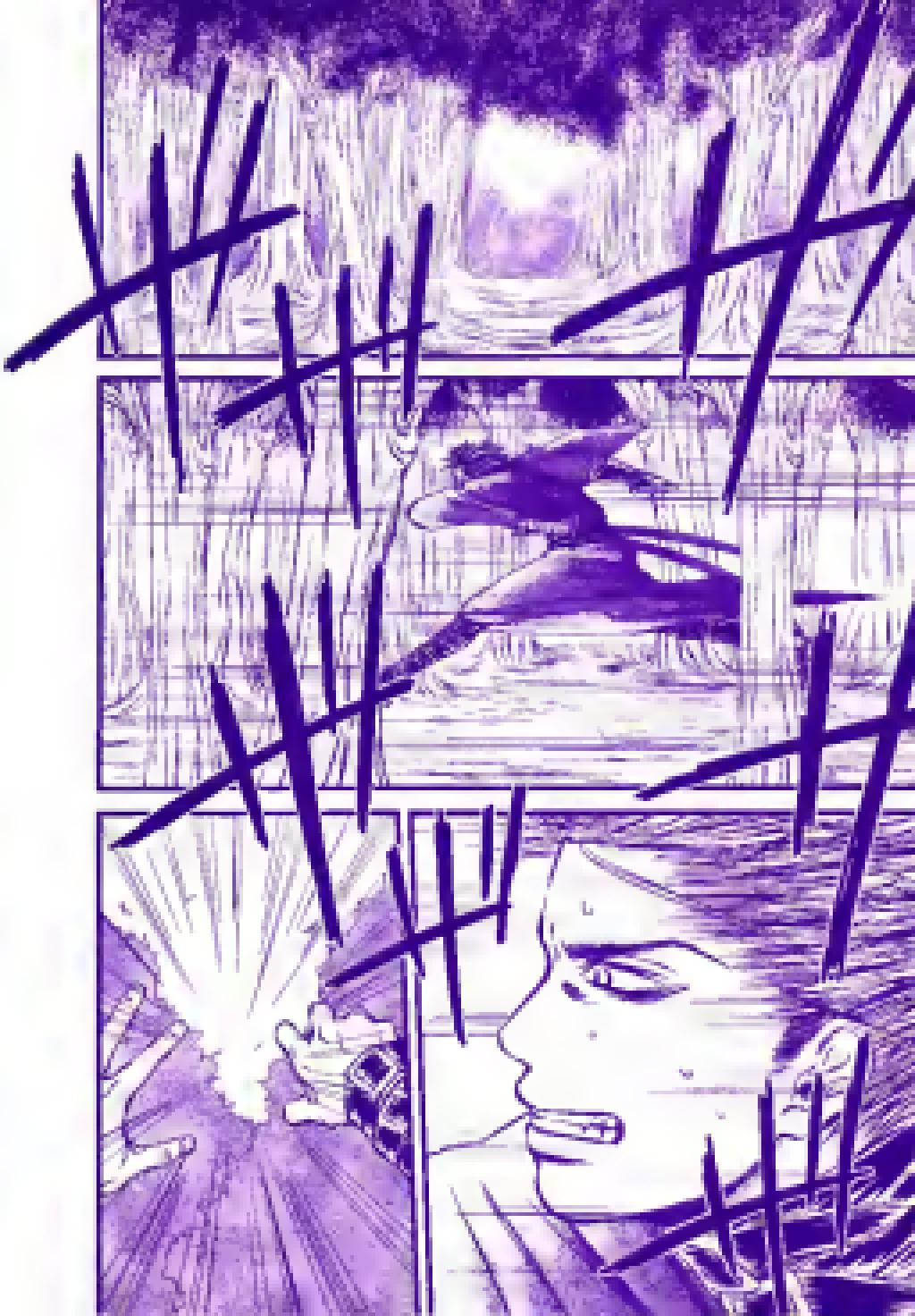




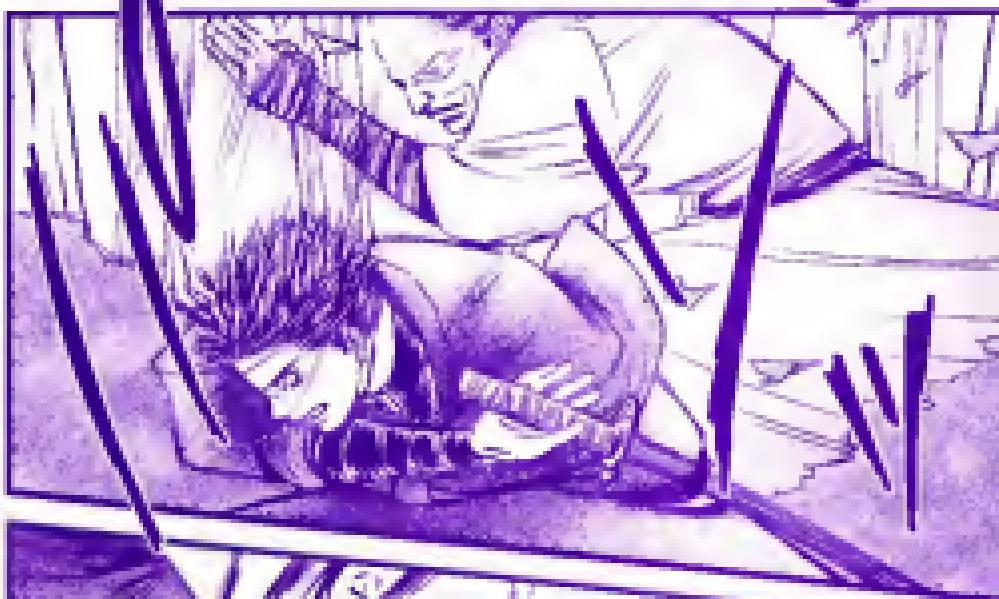
-THE BANDITS, MATIONAL,
AND THE EVER-INCREASING
BARRIER OF GRAMES-

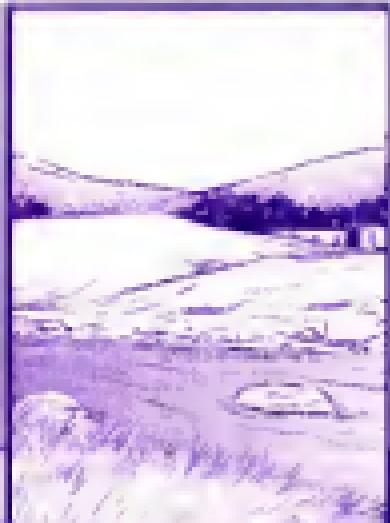
WE WILL FINALLY
HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY
TO GET AWAY FROM-

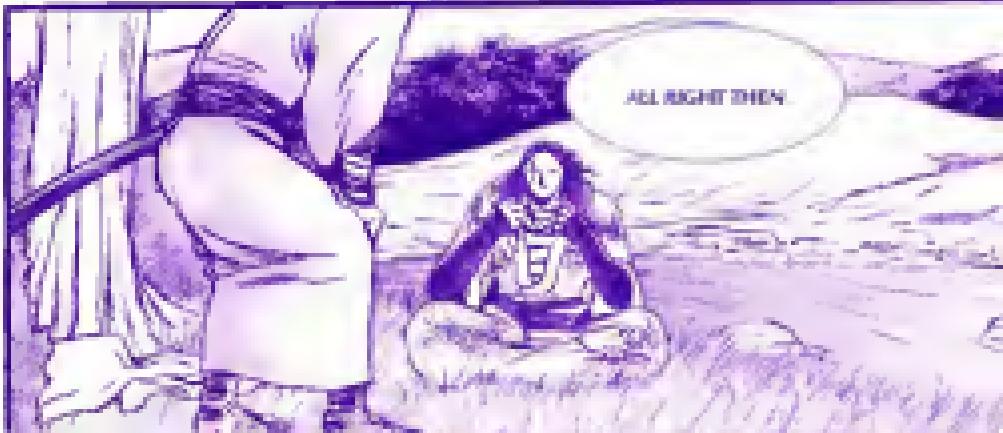
WE WILL BE FREE!

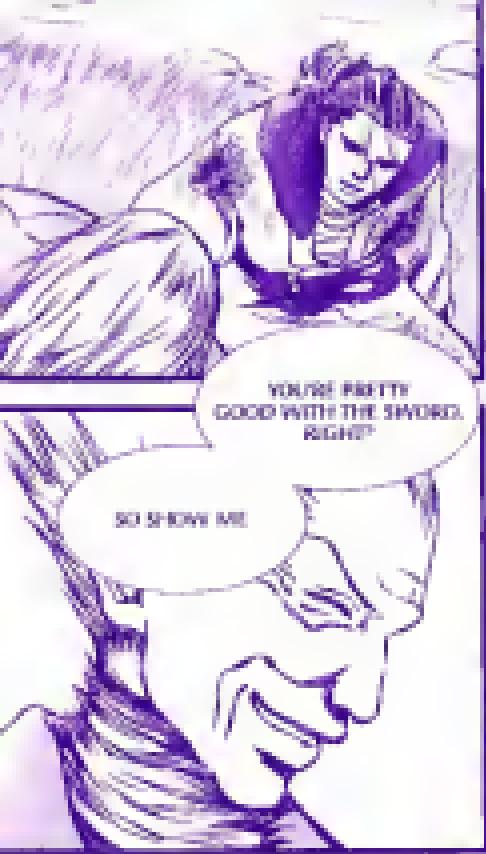










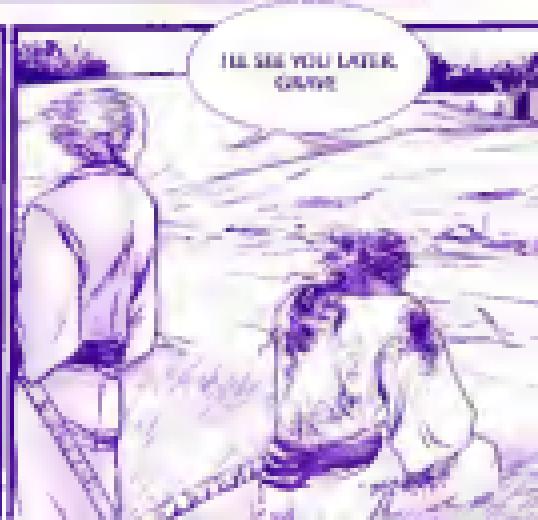


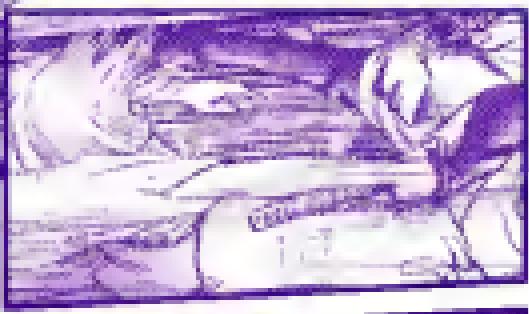




















THEY'LL ALL GOT
THESE DAMN IRONIAS
ON THEIR ARMOR



I CAN'T BELIEVE
KIDS ARE STILL
SCARED BY THAT
CRAB

IT'S JUST AN
ANCIENT FOLK TALE
THAT'S BEEN AROUND
FOR A THOUSAND
YEARS



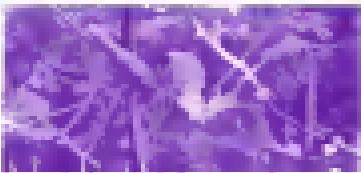


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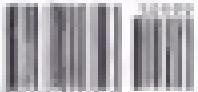
AN UNKNOWN TIME.
AN UNKNOWN PLACE. WITHOUT REASONS.
WITH NO FUTURE.
His ONLY DESIRE IS. DESTRUCTION!

Once upon a time there lived a king who ruled by fear and oppression. He boldly set free the Children of Destruction, and her wrath destroyed his Kingdom causing great misery. As punishment the king was sealed away in a box locked with many keys and the keys were then scattered throughout the world in an attempt to impede her forces.

Many years have passed and now a lone Student seeking the ultimate truth wishes to challenge the Children of Destruction, she is his enemy.

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